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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please do not limit XM Radio's ability to provide a valuable service to paying customers. Prior to XM Radio I rarely listened to local radio because I felt it a poor and inefficient use of my time. Local radio is too commercial burdened and the programming often did not reflect my interests. Even when I found a local radio station that occasionally appealed to my needs I often found myself frustrated and seeing more options. Enter XM Satellite radio. At first I wondered why should I pay for something (XM radio) that I could get free (AM and FM radio)!!! I received my first XM Radio receiver as a birthday gift. That day changed the rest of my life! The programming gave me exactly what I sought: which for me was local and world news as well as traffic and weather reports WHEN I WANTED IT...not when it was convenient for the station to provide it!!! I must say that I was flabbergasted to learn that there was a chance that XM would not be able to offer this much needed service because of NAB lobby. I urge you to allow free competition and trade decide what is good for radio listeners. Don't get involved. If radio and television broadcast feels threatened then let them LISTEN to the customer and provide the service that the customer wants (and not that of corporations advertising on the airwaves). Keep this in mind...I choose to PAY my hard earned dollars to have XM radio (news, traffic, and weather) in lieu of accepting FREE radio broadcasts. Isn't that enough to show that (we) customers feel that the service is valuable? Please do the right thing and allow XM Radio to continue to provide locally oriented programming.

Respectfully Yours,

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